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KING OF THAILAND

REF: BANGKOK 19202

1. THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE
DELIVERED TO HIS MAJESTY, KING PHUMIPHON ADUNYADET:

QUOTE

YOUR MAJESTY, ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS.
FORD AND I WISH TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION
FOR YOUR MOST CORDIAL MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES AND CON-
GRATULATIONS ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 200TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES RE-
DEDICATES ITSELF TO THE PRINCIPLES WHICH OUR FOUND-
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ING FATHERS PROCLAIMED: LIBERTY, EQUALITY, AND IN-

DIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THESE PRINCIPLES REMAIN BASIC FOR HUMAN WELFARE AND PROGRESS.

I WISH ALSO TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASSURE YOUR MAJESTY THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO STRIVE TO MAINTAIN THAT MUTUAL COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF THAILAND AND THE UNITED STATES. I AM CONFIDENT THIS RELATIONSHIP WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH IN THE FUTURE AS IT HAS IN THE PAST. SINCERELY,
GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

2. WE DO NOT INTEND TO RELEASE BUT WE HAVE NO OBJECTION IF THE KING WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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